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Title: Need to withdraw the decision to privatise the services provided under Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. .

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): It is understood that the Government has decided to privatise Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) project by handing over the major components like supplementary nutrition and free school education to NGOs and Self Help Groups etc. These measures will deny the children below six years, pregnant and lactating women the little benefit that they are enjoying at present.

Women and children are the worst affected by the withdrawal of the government from its responsibility of providing the basic welfare facilities to the people under the economic policies being implemented in the country since the last 17 years. Further, 80% of children below 3 years and around 60% of women in the rural areas in our country are anaemic; 46% of children are underweight; 38% children are stunted; 57 children out of every 1000 die before reaching first birthday; 55% of these deaths are due to malnutrition. Yet, the allotment made by the Government for the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), the flagship programme of the Government of India claiming to have a holistic approach to child development, is only 0.8% of the total budget estimate for the year 2008-09.

I would like to urge upon the Government to take necessary action to withdraw the decision that the Government has taken.

â€¦(व्यवधान)

श्री अनंत गंगाराम गीते (रत्नागिरि): सभापति महोदय, सरकार के एक मंत्री अंतुले जी के वक्तव्य पर सदन में सुबह प्रश्न उपस्थित किए गए थे और पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर ने यह कहा कि the Government will respond. अभी प्रधान मंत्री जी सदन में हैं और सदन के नेता भी सदन में हैं। आंतकी हमले में जो लोग शहीद हुए, उसे लेकर अलग-अलग बयान दिए जा रहे हैं। ...(व्यवधान) सरकार की तरफ से इस पर कब बयान आएगा, यह बता दिया जाए। ...(व्यवधान) यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न है।

सभापति महोदया: आपको बता दिया जाएगा।

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): Madam, this is not a matter that should be raised here now. ...(*Interruptions*) This should not go on record. ...(*Interruptions*) He should give notice for this. ...(*Interruptions*)

सभापति महोदया : आप जब चाहें, कोई बात नहीं उठा सकते हैं। जब सरकार को जवाब देना होगा, दे दिया जाएगा।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

श्री अनंत गंगाराम गीते : सदन में बयान कब होगा? ...(व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदया : आप जब चाहें, तब सदन में अपनी बात नहीं उठा सकते। This is not the way.

â€¦(व्यवधान)

श्री अनंत गंगाराम गीते : लेकिन सदन में पॉर्लियामेंटरी अफेयर मिनिस्टर ने कहा है कि सरकार जवाब देगी।...(व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदया : जब उनको कहना है तब कहेंगे।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Madam, he cannot take the time of the Government. ...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **

सभापति महोदया : जो समय जिसके लिए निहित है वही काम होगा।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): When the hon. Members agitated in the morning, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Government, said that the Government will respond. We will respond.

श्री अनंत गंगाराम गीते : आप समय बताइए कि कब बयान होगा।...(व्यवधान)

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Please have some patience. It may be tomorrow. House is going on till 23rd, and before the House adjourns, the Government will respond. Please have some patience.

* Not recorded